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Quarterback Sean Payton was thrown in the spotlight Sunday subbing for injured quarterback Mike Hohensee. Payton had a tough day, though, completing just three of 11 passes for 28 yards. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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Players, owners should forget about strike, work together

I think everyone's glad the strike is over, and now I hope both sides in the dispute bury the hatchet and get on with the season.

It's important now that there not be any bickering about the strike on either side. The owners and players need to get on with the

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season and continue productive negotiations to settle the contract.

The players have a lawsuit filed against the owners, but I hope that doesn't take away from the bargaining. The two sides need to continue talking and get their differences resolved.

What I didn't like at the end of the strike is how the players got treated when they returned to work. The players came back in with their hats in their hands, and all the owners did was rub their faces in it by not letting them play this weekend.

The players and owners really need to let things cool down now and then start to work things out.

I think what the players finally realized is

they can't accomplish anything by not playing. And by coming back now, the players will keep the fans happy because they just want to see football. The fans really got caught in the middle in this strike.

The Bears kept together during the strike, but that won't give them any big advantage over the other teams they play. The only teams that will be hurting are the ones that had players cross the picket lines and are losing. Because then there may be a lot of finger-pointing going on between the players who held out and the ones that returned.

The important thing is for the two sides to forget about the strike and get on with the new contract again, because the more you talk about the strike the worse it gets.

As for the Bears' final replacement game, you could tell they really missed Mike Hohensee on the offense. You could see what a difference he made with his ability to read blitzes and the defense.

The Bears couldn't keep the ball on offense, so the defense was on the field a lot during the game. And as a result they tired at the end. New Orleans was able to take advantage of that and moved the ball well in the second half.

And you also found out how important special teams are. A lot of fans take special teams for granted, but I think they just found out how much a team needs to work on them.

But the replacements still won two out of three games, which isn't bad at all. I don't think you can say enough about the job they did.

Doug's Picks

Bears by 10 over Buccaneers
Chicago, will come back strong

Oilers by 4 over Falcons
Atlanta having problems

Bills by 2 over Dolphins
Defense hurting Miami

Steelers by 1 over Bengals
Cincinnati struggling

Cowboys by 2 over Eagles
Dallas not good, but Philly's worse

Broncos by 7 over Vikings
Elway too strong for Vikes

Lions by 6 over Packers
Green Bay will struggle with regulars

Chargers by 8 over Chiefs
San Diego off to good start

Colts by 4 over Patriots
Flutie won't save New England

Redskins by 4 over Jets
Washington tough at home

Giants by 3 over Cardinals
Struggling champs will get first win

Saints by 7 over 49ers
New Orleans proved they're good

Seahawks by 5 over Raiders
Seattle will come on strong

Browns by 6 over Rams
Los Angeles off to poor start

DRAW PLAY By Dick Kulpa



Flutie's back home

Bad experience with Bears wasn't entirely his fault

Doug Flutie never asked to be cast into the Bears' den. When he arrived, he tried to make the best of an uncomfortable situation.

There were other quarterbacks around and other players who thought the other quarterbacks deserved a shot before the new kid on the block.

Mike Ditka didn't think so and that was not Doug Flutie's fault.

It turns out that Flutie didn't ask to go to the New England Patriots, either, although he and his attorney, Bob Woolf, couldn't have invented a better scenario.

Unintentionally, Flutie ends up in the city of his choice. Unwittingly, he achieved the goal of free agency. Ironically, he had to cross the picket line to do it, but his loyalty to the union strike didn't look like it was going to guarantee anything better for him.

"This is what's best for Doug Flutie," he said.

The decision to turn his back on the players' union was "agonizing," Flutie said, but in Chicago, he had little assurance that he

DON PIERSON



would ever play again, strike or no strike.

"He wouldn't have done this for any other team but New England," said his attorney, Bob Woolf.

The Patriots wouldn't have made the deal had Flutie not agreed to play immediately. And Flutie said he wouldn't have agreed until he was assured by the Patriots that the post-strike jobs of regular quarterbacks Tony Eason, Steve Grogan, and Tom Ramsey were secure.

"They told him he would be the fourth quarterback and he might be the one cut," Woolf said.

You have to wonder whether his bad experience in Chicago didn't influence that sentiment. No quarterback lost his roster spot in Chicago upon Flutie's arrival. But Mike Tomczak lost his starting job and Steve Fuller lost whatever chance he had to win back Ditka's confidence.

Flutie also lost whatever chance he had to become "one of the boys." Then he further alienated himself from the Bears by crossing the picket line.

"I'll always remember him as a scab," Tomczak said.

Ditka hurt as much as helped Flutie

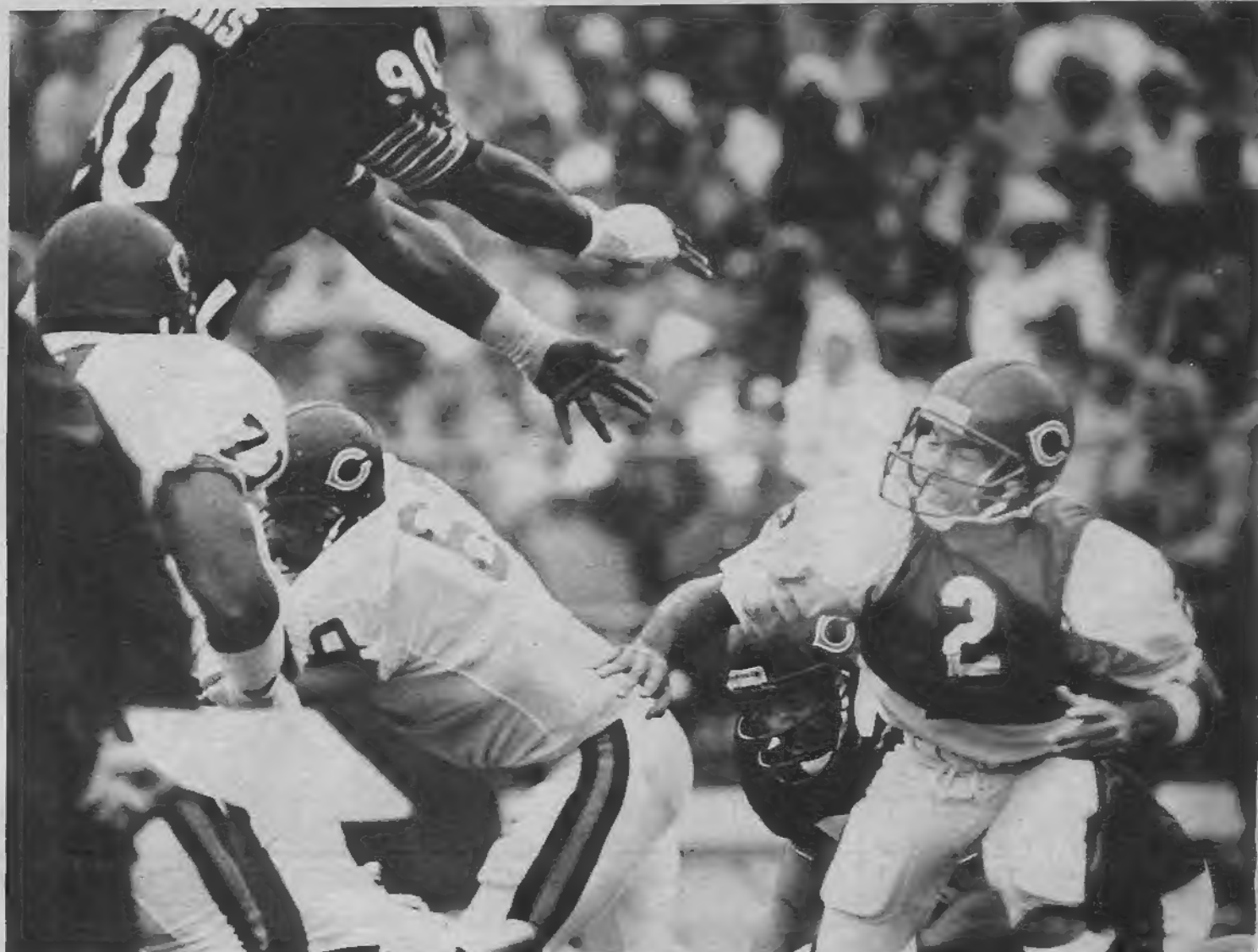
Deep down, Ditka's gut feelings about Flutie might have hurt the quarterback as much as they helped him. Sure, Ditka got him on the field, but at what price?

Flutie always maintained that he was grateful for the chance, but it may have been unfair of Ditka to toss him into a huddle with little knowledge of the playbook and without friends to remind him.

You say Mike Hohensee did it and you're right. But Hohensee had more experience, less competition, and more friends. Hohensee also might be a better quarterback, period. He definitely is two inches taller.

When Flutie was unfairly heaped with blame for the playoff loss to Washington, Ditka went overboard defending him, which made teammates wonder exactly what the kid had on the coach.

Ditka was only trying to make a point that



The beginning of the end of Doug Flutie's career with the Chicago Bears was a poor showing during training camp in Platteville. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

it was a team loss to the Redskins, not a quarterback shortcoming. But when Flutie arrived at the May minicamp, and the Bears had already drafted Jim Harbaugh No. 1, it was Tomczak, not Flutie, who immediately came to the forefront.

While Tomczak showed more strength, confidence, and accuracy than ever before, Flutie was erratic and tight. Coaches tried to alter his unconventional sidearm delivery and his footwork, but Flutie was not interested or able to undergo a mechanical overhaul. Tomczak was.

Early in training camp at Platteville, Flutie remained tight and unnatural, trying too hard to impress teammates and coaches. Meanwhile, Tomczak and Harbaugh were opening eyes; Flutie was only lifting eyebrows.

By the time he relaxed and told himself to "just throw the ball," it was too late. He was third in the minds of the coaches, with injured Jim McMahon always in the background.

"I didn't see any way I was going to get onto the field," Flutie said.

In the end, Flutie was practical

He remained loyal to the team and to the union cause right up to the day New England called. Then he remained loyal to himself. Call it hypocrisy, call him a scab, but you have to admit he demonstrated a measure of practicality that has consistently eluded his union.

He had signed autographs with striking Bear teammates outside Soldier Field on Sunday and had publicly thanked older teammates Walter Payton and Gary Fencik for sacrificing for his future in the NFL. On Monday morning, Flutie showed up alone at the team's normal informal workout, which had been called off. He had hoped some receivers and other quarterbacks would

show up to throw.

Flutie said his wife received a call Monday night from Patriots' general manager Pat Sullivan seeking Flutie. After a night of debate, Woolf contacted the Bears and asked for the trade.

"It was on again, off again, many times during the night," Woolf said.

The Bears were happy to oblige. They got an undisclosed draft choice they can use in

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GAME WRAPUP



Before breaking his ankle on a kickoff return, Bears' wide receiver Glen Kozlowski caught three passes for 47 yards and one touchdown. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)



Bear quarterback Steve Bradley was pressed into service for Sunday's game after Mike Hohensee was forced to sit out with a sore knee. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

Bears' record is blemished

Saints' field goals beat Bears, 19-17

By Michael Polzin
Managing Editor

CHICAGO — Going into these strike games, the spare Bears said their goal was to keep the real Bears' record unblemished.

Well, they did that for the first two replacement games and for all but four minutes and 30 seconds of their last game. That's when Saints' kicker Florian Kempf made a 21-yard field goal to give the Saints a 19-17 win over the Bears before 46,813 fans at Soldier Field Sunday.

The loss dropped the Bears' record to 4-1, but they are still in first place in the NFC Central division, one game ahead of second-place Tampa Bay.

"There was a lot of pressure on everybody to try to make it as good as we could make it," head coach Mike Ditka said about the replacement games. "We did as good as we could. But we couldn't do it today, that's all. So the record's blemished. Hopefully, the veteran players can pick it up and not let it get blemished any more."

The spare Bears had to take on a Saints team with 12 veterans in their lineup without the services of starting quarterback Mike Hohensee. Hohensee decided to sit out the game just an hour before game time because his injured knee from the previous week got worse the two days before Sunday's game.

"He saw fit not to play and that's his prerogative," said Ditka.

Hohensee may have cartilage damage

"I was hoping it would get better," Hohensee said. "They told me it was just a broken bursa sac in the knee. And I don't think that was exactly what it was because it never got better. It just got worse."

Hohensee may have some cartilage damage in the knee.

Not until Saturday night did backup quarterbacks Sean Payton and Steve Bradley find out they may split time against the Saints. "During the week I wasn't even working with our offense," Payton said. "And on Friday we found out Mike's knee was still kind of sore. (Ditka) told us last night we were probably gonna rotate some. It's something we just had to adjust to."

Ditka said he rotated the quarterbacks because he thought it was the best way of getting plays in. Added Payton, "Later in the game it gave us a better opportunity to talk with Mike on the sidelines and understand what he wanted."

Both Bear quarterbacks were ineffective moving the offense as they combined to complete just nine of 29 passes for 105 yards, two touchdowns and four interceptions. The Saints' veterans on defense also put a lot of pressure on Bradley and Payton, sacking the quarterbacks five times.

The Bears gained just 133 net yards in the game, while the Saints moved the ball well, totalling 291 yards. In fact, all the statistics seemed to be just the opposite of a typical Bear game.

"The key position is quarterback," Ditka said. "There's no question about it. If the

quarterback can handle the situation you can be real effective."

Bears have no offense

But that wasn't the case for the Bears Sunday. Ditka said that was "maybe the worst we've ever done moving the ball. We really had no offense at all. People tried, but we were just not effective."

The Saints were coming off a game where mistakes led directly to a loss, and it seemed the same thing was going to happen to them this week.

The Bears scored 10 quick points midway through the first quarter, thanks to two turnovers by the Saints.

The first one occurred when the Saints faced a third and 14 from their own 23. When quarterback John Fourcade went back to pass he was pressured by the Bears' Steve Trimble. As Fourcade retreated he tried to throw a screen pass but had it intercepted by Jon Norris at the 15. Norris returned the ball to the nine.

From there the Bears moved the ball to the two, but on third down Bradley lost three yards on a broken play. Tim Lashar then came in to kick the 22-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, Saints' returner Michael Adams lost the ball as it came down and it bounced in front of him. He picked it up, then lost control of it as he was hit by the Bears' Egypt Allen, who recovered the ball at the Saints' eight-yard line.

On the next play, Bradley hit Chris Brewer on a misdirection play for an eight-yard

touchdown pass and a 10-0 Bears' lead.

The Saints closed the gap to 10-3 with a 48-yard field goal by Kempf early in the second quarter.

Punts provide excitement

Then things got weird. When the Bears were forced to punt on their next possession at their own 22, the Saints blocked the punt and Gene Atkins recovered in the end zone for an apparent touchdown. But the Saints' Reggie Sutton was called for holding punter Kevin Brown in the end zone as Brown tried to recover the ball. The penalty took away the touchdown and gave the ball and a first down to the Bears at their own 32.

Referee Gene Barth explained the call. "We have a rule, a holding rule, that if one player holds another player to allow a teammate to grab possession of a loose ball, that's a foul. You can hold a player in an attempt to get it personally. But you cannot hold an opponent to allow a teammate to recover it. I saw the hold, I waited to see who recovered, and when his teammate recovered I threw the flag," he said.

After one more first down the Bears were forced to punt again. This time Saints' returner Eric Martin fumbled the catch and Allen recovered the ball at New Orleans' 18-yard line.

Two plays later Bradley hit Glen Kozlowski on a drag pattern for an 18-yard touchdown catch and a 17-3 Bears' lead. It was the same play that Kozlowski scored on the

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Bears-Saints game statistics

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Saints	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	18	11
By Rushing	6	2
By Passing	10	6
By Penalty	2	3
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	5-19	1-14
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-0	0-0
TOTAL NET YARDS	291	133
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	78	59
Av. Gain per Off. Play	3.7	2.3
NET YARDS RUSHING	112	67
Total Rushing Plays	40	25
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	2.8	2.7
NET YARDS PASSING	179	66
Times Thrown —		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	3-19	5-39
Gross Yds. Passing	198	105
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	35-16-1	29-9-4
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times thrown passing)	4.7	1.9
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	6-42.7	9-36.7
Had Blocked	0	1
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	110	128
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	6-31	4-23
No. and Yds. KO Returns	3-34	5-99
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	4-45	1-6
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	6-68	3-18
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	5-2	1-0
TOUCHDOWNS	1	2
Rushing	0	0
Passing	1	2
Returns	0	0
EXTRA POINTS MADE — ATT.	1-1	2-2
FG MADE — ATT.	4-5	1-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	34:13	25:47

SCORING SUMMARY

New Orleans Saints 0 10 3 6 — 19
 Chicago Bears 10 7 0 0 — 17

Bears, 1, 8:11, Lashar, 22-yard field goal, 0-3.
 Bears, 1, 8:28, Brewer, 8-yard pass from Bradley (Lashar, kick), 0-10.
 Saints, 2, 2:41, Kempf, 48-yard field goal, 3-10.
 Bears, 2, 6:48, Kozlowski, 18-yard pass from Bradley (Lashar, kick), 3-17.
 Saints, 2, 14:18, Martin, 14-yard pass from Fourcade (Kempf, kick), 10-17.
 Saints, 3, 9:32, Kempf, 31-yard field goal, 13-17.
 Saints, 4, :50, Kempf, 42-yard field goal, 16-17.
 Saints, 4, 10:30, Kempf, 21-yard field goal, 19-17.

Attendance: 48,813; tickets distributed: 66,030; unused: 19,217; time: 3:16
 Weather: sunny; temperature: 57; humidity 57%; wind and direction: 15 mph SW

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

New Orleans Saints						
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	
RUSHING						
Beverly	19	46	2.4	15	0	
J. Fourcade	8	38	4.8	18	0	
Batiste	8	18	2.3	7	0	
Rodenberger	4	7	1.8	3	0	
Riordan	1	3	3.0	3	0	
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD	
PASSING						
J. Fourcade	34	16	198	3/19	1	28
Riordan	1	0	0	0/0	0	0
	No.	Yds.	LG	TD		
PASS RECEIVING						
Martin	5	84	28	1		
Dawsey	4	44	16	0		
Waters	2	25	16	0		
Beverly	1	8	8	0		
Scott	2	12	8	0		
Rodenberger	1	11	11	0		
Thomas	1	14	14	0		
	No.	Yds.	LG	TD		
INTERCEPTIONS						
Mack	1	3	3	0		
Sutton	3	42	25	0		
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
PUNTING						
Barnhardt	5	215	43.0	0	2	50
Kempf	1	41	41.0	1	0	41
	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD	
PUNT RETURNS						
Thomas	1	0	11	11	0	
Martin	5	0	20	10	0	
*Downed	1					
*Touchback	1					

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Adams	2	23	20	0
Thomas	1	11	11	0

FUMBLES	Fum.	Own	Rec.	Yds.	TD
Adams	1	1	0	0	0
Martin	3	1	0	0	0
Fourcade	1	0	0	0	0
Rodenberger	0	1	0	0	0

Chicago Bears					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
RUSHING					
Brewer	8	34	4.3	16	0
Heimuli	15	37	2.5	11	0
Bradley	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Clark	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Yds.	TD	LG	Int.
Bradley	18	6	77	3/24	2	18	3
Payton	11	3	28	2/15	0	19	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Brewer	3	33	19	1
Kozlowski	3	47	18	1
Heimuli	1	3	3	0
Mullen	1	13	13	0
Knapczyk	1	9	9	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Norris	1	6	6	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Brown	8	330	41.3	1	1	57

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Duarte	4	0	23	11	0
*Touchback	1				
*Out of bounds	1				

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
White	1	17	17	0
Kozlowski	3	72	31	0
Milton	1	10	10	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS (Unofficial)

Saints						
	T	A	S	YL	Int.	PD
Taylor	1	3	1/2	0	0	2
Gibson	3	0	0	0	0	1
Atkins	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sutton	3	0	0	0	3	2
Adams	1	0	0	0	0	1
McCoy	4	3	2	15	0	1
Rose	2	0	0	0	0	0
DeForest	5	0	1	9	0	0
Leach	1	1	1 1/2	15	0	0
Swoopes	5	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elliott	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mack	2	2	0	0	1	1

Bears						
	T	A	SK	YL	Int.	PD
Duarte	1	0	0	0	0	0
McCray	6	1	0	0	0	0
Trimble	4	0	0	0	0	0
Stoops	6	3	0	0	0	0
Allen	5	1	0	0	0	3
McInerney	5	2	1	10	0	0
Althoff	7	1	0	0	0	0
Norvell	6	1	0	0	0	0
Teafatiller	2	0	0	0	0	0
January	5	1	0	0	0	1
Fitzgerald	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bell	5	0	1	6	0	0
Norris	6	0	1	3	1	0
Wojciechowski	0	0	0	0	0	1

Forced Fumbles: Brewer, Allen, Bell

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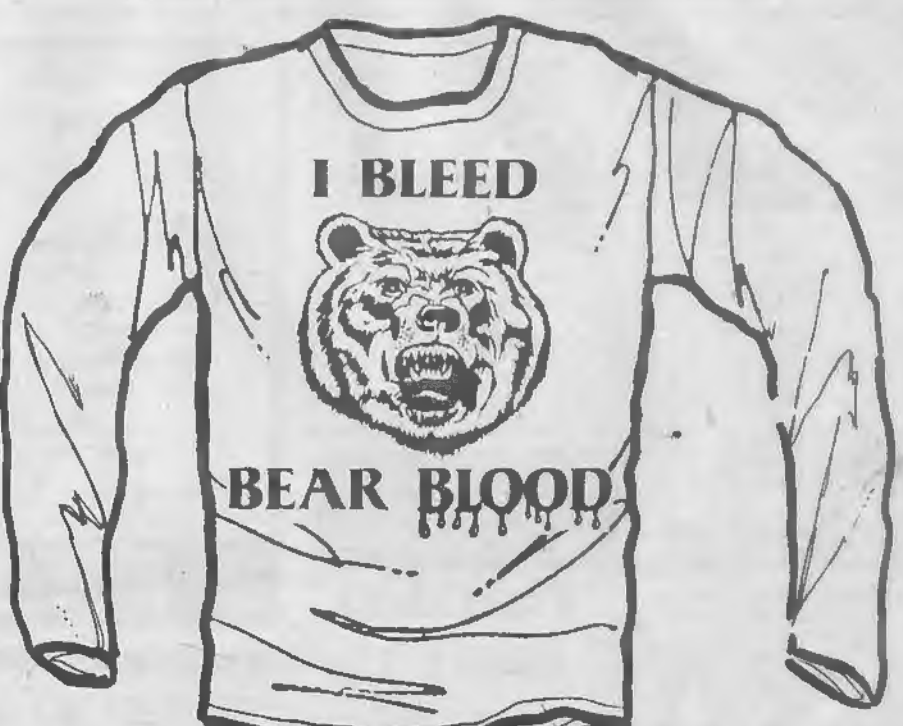
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Spare Bears hold out hope

By David Marran
Bear Report Staff

CHICAGO — The return of the Bears' union players has turned Sunday's replacement heroes into Monday's memories.

While players with names such as Egypt, Teafatiller and Wojciechowski have carried the spare Bears during the strike, most of the replacement players now find themselves out of work.

However, some of the spare Bears may have earned themselves a second-look with their performance in Sunday's 19-17 loss to the Saints and throughout the strike.

NFL management has sparked hope for the non-union players by allowing teams to keep up to 85 players next week. Bears head coach Mike Ditka said the team won't keep 85 players but said he is considering keeping some of the spare Bears.

"There are some guys we would like to keep on the taxi squad until they make a definite ruling," Ditka said. "There are some kids we would like to develop, but that's only development."

One spare Bear who is a candidate for the regular squad is quarterback Mike Hosensee, despite a knee injury that kept him out of Sunday's loss. In two replacement games, Hosensee completed 28-of-52 passes for 343 yards and four touchdowns.

Union sentiment a factor

Union acceptance may present a problem for Hosensee, or any other spare Bear, if he is retained. Ditka said that will play a part in his decisions.

"I'm not going to put him out for a sacrificial lamb for anybody," Ditka said. "I will decide what is best for this football team. We'll find out how the replacements mix in. If they don't mix in, we'll have to make a decision."

Hosensee, who has played in three professional leagues awaiting a chance in the NFL, is hoping that Ditka keeps him regardless of the union's attitude towards replacements.

"Right now, I don't know what my status is," Hosensee said. "I don't think the whole team would jump on me. I think I'll be able to handle it."

One spare Bear Ditka mentioned by name after Sunday's game was center Mark Rodenhauser. Ditka was impressed with Rodenhauser's long-snapping ability, something he said the regular Bears don't have.

"We might have to keep some of the replacement players for common sense sake," Ditka said. "Right now we don't have anybody to snap the football effectively on the regular team. Rodenhauser can snap the football very well, so we might have to do something in that area. That doesn't mean we are going to do something but I just want to make sure we are covered in that area."

Rodenhauser, a 26-year old rookie from Illinois State, said he would love the opportunity to stick with the Bears, but he did voice some concern about the attitude of the returning regulars.

Rodenhauser has hope

"I think in the long run when the regulars find out that a ballplayer can contribute, they will accept him," Rodenhauser said. "There are a lot of deep wounds through this whole thing and a lot of people have some really bad feelings. Some of them are directed at the replacement players and they're directed in all different areas."

"I think if we get a chance to meet on a one-on-one basis and they find out we're not a bunch of scabs, but that we're just a bunch of guys who wanted to play ball and took an

opportunity, they will accept us if we can contribute," he said.

Another of the Bears' replacement players who may get a shot at the regular roster is defensive end Sean McInerney. The 6-3, 255-pound rookie registered 6½ sacks in his three games.

If he isn't retained by the Bears or picked up by another NFL club, McInerney will go back to Rockville, Md., to his three jobs. Prior to the walk-out, McInerney was a coach, a salesman and a doorman. He spent last summer playing in the Arena Football League. The prospect of leaving the NFL for good doesn't sit well with the Bears' leading sacker.

"I hope my professional career is not over," McInerney said. "I got my second chance. I gave it 110 percent and if it opens the door and I continue to play in the NFL, that's fine. I still have Arena ball to go back to. The money isn't that good but the game is not that bad."

Veterans who crossed could help

If he is picked up by an NFL squad, McInerney believes the veterans who crossed the picket lines will help the retained replacement players.

"I'm pretty sure most camps have a few veterans who crossed the line," McInerney said. "The regulars might have a little bit more respect for them than they do for me. If I'm with the Bears or with anyone else, I hope they concentrate on winning and not making my life a pain."

While most of the replacement Bears realize their careers are over, quarterback Sean Payton believes his strike stint could lead to a permanent football job.

"I didn't come out here to put on a Bear uniform just so I could tell my grandkids I played for the Bears," Payton said. "This was an opportunity to play football and continue playing. I don't consider this a dream like other people do. I look at it as an opportunity to continue playing quality football."

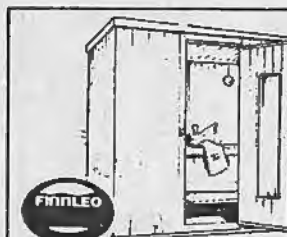
While Payton clings to his dream of an NFL career, most of the spare Bears' careers ended Sunday. Their dreams are history but they appreciated the opportunity to play in the NFL.

"I will look at the last three weeks as a fantastic opportunity and a fantastic experience," said defensive tackle Jim Althoff. "I had a great time, met up with some success and got together with a great bunch of guys."



Bear replacement players Egypt Allen (47) and Mike Stoops break up a pass in Sunday's game. Both players hope they impressed the coaches enough to stick with the Bears on their taxi squad. (Bear Report photo by Steve Woltmann)

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Chicago Bears

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	College
6	Kevin Butler	K	6-1	204	3	Georgia
14	Jim Harbaugh	QB	6-3	202	R	Michigan
15	Bryan Wagner	P	6-2	195	1	Cal-Northridge
18	Mike Tomczak	QB	6-1	195	3	Ohio State
20	Thomas Sanders	RB	5-11	203	3	Texas A&M
22	Dave Duerson	S	6-1	210	5	Notre Dame
24	Vestee Jackson	CB	6-0	186	2	Washington
25	Todd Bell	S	6-1	212	■	Ohio State
26	Matt Suhey	FB	5-11	216	■	Penn State
27	Mike Richardson	CB	6-0	188	5	Arizona St.
29	Dennis Gentry	WR	5-8	180	■	Baylor
32	Garland Rivers	DB	6-1	181	R	Michigan
33	Calvin Thomas	FB	5-11	245	■	Illinois
34	Walter Payton	RB	5-10	205	13	Jackson St.
35	Neal Anderson	RB	5-11	210	2	Florida
37	Maurice Douglass	DB	5-11	200	2	Kentucky
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	193	12	Yale
48	Reggie Phillips	DB	5-10	170	3	S. Methodist
50	Mike Singletary	LB	6-0	235	7	Baylor
51	Jim Morrissey	LB	6-3	222	3	Michigan State
54	John Adickes	C	6-3	264	R	Baylor
55	Otis Wilson	LB	6-2	227	8	Louisville
57	Tom Thayer	G	6-4	280	3	Notre Dame
58	Wilber Marshall	LB	6-1	230	4	Florida
59	Ron Rivera	LB	6-3	235	4	California
62	Mark Boriz	G	6-6	275	5	Iowa
63	Jay Hilgenberg	C	6-3	260	7	Iowa
67	Will Johnson	DE	6-4	245	R	N.E. Louisiana
68	Paul Blair	T	6-4	295	2	Oklahoma St.
72	William Perry	OT	6-2	317	■	Clemson
74	Jim Covert	T	6-4	275	5	Pittsburgh
76	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	265	■	Texas
78	Keith Van Horne	T	6-6	285	7	USC
79	Kurt Becker	G	6-5	280	6	Michigan
83	Willie Gault	WR	6-1	183	■	Tennessee
84	Ron Morris	WR	6-1	187	R	SMU
85	Dennis McKinnon	WR	6-1	185	4	Florida State
86	Cap Boso	TE	6-3	224	1	Illinois
87	Emery Moorehead	TE	6-2	225	11	Colorado
89	Keith Ortego	WR	6-0	180	3	McNeese State
90	Al Harris	LB/DE	6-5	270	■	Arizona State
95	Richard Dent	DE	6-5	263	5	Tenn State
97	Sean Smith	DE	6-4	275	R	Grambling
99	Dan Hampton	DE	6-5	267	9	Arkansas

INJURED RESERVE: WR Lew Barnes; DT Dick Chapura; S Kyle Kefentzis; LB Paul Migliazzo; QB Jim McMahon; C Larry Rubens; G Ronnie James Carter; T Brent Sowell; TE Tim Wrightman; WR Votie Patterson; DB Shaun Gayle.

PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM: QB Steve Fuller.

Facts and Figures

Kickoff: Sunday, Oct. 25, noon Central Time.

Site: Tampa Stadium, Tampa, FL.

Playing surface: Bermuda grass.

Series record: The Bears lead the regular season series, 13-4. Chicago won the first meeting between the two teams this season, 20-3 on Sept. 20 in Chicago. The Bears haven't lost to the Bucs since the final game of the 1982 season, winning the last nine in a row.

Radio-TV coverage: The game will be televised live in Chicago on CBS-TV, Channel 2. WGN-Radio and the Bears radio network also will carry the game live. WOJO (105 FM) will broadcast the game in Spanish.



BUCS' HEAD COACH RAY PERKINS

Tampa Bay

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
1	Donald Igwebuike	PK	5-9	185	26	3	Clemson
5	Frank Garcia	P	6-0	210	30	5	Arizona
14	Vinny Testaverde	QB	6-5	220	23	R	Miami
17	Steve Deberg	QB	6-3	210	38	11	San Jose State
20	Rick Woods	DB	6-1	185	27	6	Boise State
22	Rod Jones	DB	6-0	175	23	2	SMU
23	Don Anderson	DB	5-10	195	24	2	Purdue
25	Bobby Howard	RB	6-0	210	23	2	Indiana
29	Ricky Reynolds	DB	5-11	182	22	R	Washington St.
32	James Wilder	RB	6-3	225	29	7	Missouri
33	Bobby Kemp	DB	6-0	190	26	7	Cal-Fullerton
35	Jeff Smith	RB	5-9	204	25	3	Nebraska
36	Bobby Furell	DB	5-11	190	25	2	Elizabeth City
39	Cliff Austin	RB	6-1	213	27	5	Clemson
42	Steve Bartalo	RB	5-9	200	23	R	Colorado State
50	Dan Turk	C	6-4	260	25	2	Wisconsin
51	Chris Washington	LB	6-4	230	25	4	Iowa State
52	Scott Brantley	LB	6-1	230	29	8	Florida
53	Don Graham	LB	6-2	244	23	R	Penn State
54	Ervin Randle	LB	6-1	250	24	3	Baylor
56	Jackie Walker	LB	6-5	245	24	2	Jackson State
57	Winston Moss	LB	6-3	235	21	R	Miami
58	Jeff Davis	LB	6-0	230	27	6	Clemson
59	Kevin Murphy	LB	6-2	230	23	2	Oklahoma
60	Randy Grimes	C	6-4	270	27	5	Baylor
66	George Yarno	OG	6-2	265	30	8	Washington St.
68	Rick Mallory	G	6-2	265	26	3	Washington
72	Rob Taylor	OT	6-6	290	25	2	Northwestern
73	Ron Heller	OT	6-6	280	25	4	Penn State
74	Marvin Powell	OT	6-5	270	32	11	USC
75	Kevin Kellin	DE	6-6	265	27	2	Minnesota
77	J.D. Maartevelde	OT	6-8	300	25	2	Maryland
78	John Cannon	DE	6-5	260	27	6	William & Mary
79	Conrad Goode	OL	6-6	285	25	3	Missouri
81	Phil Freeman	WR	5-11	186	24	3	Arizona
82	Ron Hall	TE	6-4	238	23	R	Hawaii
83	Solomon Miller	WR	6-1	186	23	2	Utah State
85	Gene Taylor	WR	6-2	189	25	R	Fresno St.
86	Calvin Magee	TE	6-3	240	24	3	Southern
87	Gerald Carter	WR	6-1	190	30	8	Texas A&M
89	Mark Carrier	WR	6-0	182	21	R	Nicholls State
90	Ron Holmes	DE	6-4	255	24	3	Washington
93	Dan Sileo	NT	6-2	262	23	R	Miami, FL
94	Mike Stenerud	NT	6-5	280	31	9	Iowa State
98	Tyrone Keys	DE	6-7	270	27	5	Mississippi State

INJURED RESERVE: C Kevin Thomas, LB Alex Hoover, LB Henry Rolling, NT Curt Jarvis, G Mike Simmonds, RB Keith Williams, DE Tom McHale, DB Ricky Easton, DB Ray Ison, WR Bruce Hill.

NOT LISTED DUE TO INJURY: RB Don Smith

When we last saw the real Chicago Bears play a game, they easily handled the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 20-3 at Soldier Field in the second week of the season.

"They're a very good team and very well-coached," head coach Mike Ditka said after the game.

Now that those same Bears are back at work, they'll pick up right where they left off — playing the Buccaneers. Only this time there are three more games in the standings and the Bears will invade the Bucs' home turf.

In their last meeting the Bear defense was facing a surprisingly potent Tampa Bay offense, that a week earlier had whipped the Atlanta Falcons, 48-10.

Leading the charge was quarterback Steve DeBerg, an overshadowed player in the preseason thanks to the drafting of Vinny Testaverde. DeBerg completed 24 of 34 passes against Atlanta for 333 yards and five touchdowns. If Testaverde was mounting any kind of challenge to DeBerg, it was quickly smashed.

The following week against Chicago DeBerg was held in check for the most part against the Bear defense. He completed 18 of 36 passes for 195 yards, but had two interceptions and no touchdown passes.

One of his interceptions came on the opening drive of the game when the Bucs moved to the Bear 44 when DeBerg threw

deep but had the ball intercepted by Vestee Jackson at the Bears' three-yard line.

While the Bear secondary kept the Bucs honest, the defensive front line held the running game to 89 yards on 25 carries. Eighty of those yards came from Tampa Bay's leading rusher, James Wilder. Wilder had only 13 rushing yards against the Falcons the week earlier. But he also caught four passes coming out of the backfield against the Bears for 29 yards.

The Bucs' other receiving threat in the game was Gerald Carter, who had four catches for 55 yards. For the season, Carter has 10 catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns.

For the Bears in the game, the day belonged to Neal Anderson and Emery Moorehead on offense. Anderson ran the ball 16 times for 115 yards, his first 100-yard rushing game in the NFL. His success on the ground overshadowed Walter Payton's 107th rushing touchdown, and NFL record.

"We really felt we had to make this team respect our running game and that's why we went running at them," Ditka said. You can probably expect the Bears to do the same thing again Sunday in Tampa.

Moorehead, meanwhile, led the Bear receivers with six catches for 53 yards.

Mike Tomczak, after a brilliant performance against the Giants in the first game of the season, wasn't as spectacular against Tampa Bay but still got the job done. He

completed 15 of 27 passes with two interceptions for 150 yards. The Bears' first score of the game was set up on a 49-yard pass interference call against the Bucs' Rod Jones on Willie Gault. Tomczak set up another Bear score with a 46-yard pass to Gault.

Tomczak's only touchdown pass in the game was a nine-yard catch by Payton to finish the scoring in the game.

"Overall, I'm pleased with Mike Tomczak and the way he played," Ditka said. "But there were some bad calls on my part. I put Mike in some tough positions."

Dennis McKinnon continued to sparkle on punt returns for Chicago, returning five punts for 81 yards, including one for 29 yards.

Going into last Sunday's games, the Bucs led the NFC with a plus six turnover ratio with 14 takeaways and only eight giveaways. Tampa Bay's defense also led the NFC in interceptions with seven.

The Bucs also have allowed the second fewest first downs in the conference this season with 67. They trail the Bears, who have given up only 61.

Tampa Bay will probably be sky high for this game, not only because they're coming back from the strike but also because a win can put them in a tie with the Bears for first place in the NFC Central Division.

The Bears and Bucs should be in the same position coming off the strike as far as practice is concerned. None of the active Bears crossed the picket line during the

strike, and the only Buc to cross the line was center Dan Turk, who played in last Sunday's 20-10 win by the Bucs over Minnesota.

At that game in Tampa, only 20,850 fans showed up in sunny, 83-degree weather. That was the smallest crowd in Buccaneer history.

The Bucs won the game by taking advantage of Minnesota's mistakes. The Bucs' Kevin Walker returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter to give Tampa Bay the lead for good.

The Bucs also scored when Arthur Wells recovered a Minnesota fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

The Tampa Bay defense was stingy against the run, allowing Minnesota just 23 yards on 17 carries. Minnesota didn't do much better passing the ball, throwing four interceptions.

The Bucs' offense was led by former Seattle quarterback Jim Zorn, who completed 20 of 36 passes for 199 yards with two interceptions.

Bucs' head coach Ray Perkins has done a good job developing both his Tampa Bay teams this year and has moved a cellar-dweller team into second place at the moment. The game is a sellout, but the fans may not be a factor against the Bears Sunday. Last year, there seemed to be as many Bear fans as Bucs fans at the game. If the same holds true this year, Chicago could have some backing in Tampa again.

BEAR NOTEBOOK

Bears end strike after Thursday meeting

The regular Bears returned to work Thursday afternoon as the NFL strike ended and were one of only four teams to begin practicing immediately.

Most teams decided not to begin practicing until Monday because until then players would only get paid on a per diem basis. That amounts to only about \$100 a day.

But the Bears went back to work immediately with hopes of getting management to allow them to play Sunday. That didn't work, though.

"There is no local option," said Bears president Michael McCaskey about the ruling by the NFL owners' management council that prohibited striking veterans from playing Sunday.

McCaskey talked to Bears assistant player representative Dave Duerson on the phone early Thursday afternoon and informed him of the conditions under which the Bears could return. "I said we would be happy to welcome them back," McCaskey said. "They would be able to practice under coach's supervision. They would be paid a per diem. They would not be able to play in the game on Sunday and they would not be eligible for a game check this week."

After the 1982 strike the players came

back on a Thursday and played Sunday, but McCaskey said this situation is a little different. "I think it's based on the specialized nature of pro football and the expert judgment of coaches like Don Shula and others," McCaskey said. "The feeling of the coaches was in 1982 all of the players had not played. It was kind of an even field for everybody. In 1987 some of the players are in condition and some are not. It's an uneven situation."

Head coach Mike Ditka said he was surprised by how well the Bears kept in shape during the strike. "I really feel that most of them are in pretty darn good shape," he said. "I haven't really seen anyone that looks different. Some guys looked thinner to me. I'm sure that was just from not lifting weights."

The regular Bears began practicing immediately Thursday night when they and the coaching staff went to Soldier Field to practice under the lights for over two hours. On Friday, the replacement team practiced in the morning, and the regular Bears practiced in the afternoon.

On Saturday, the real Bears practiced in the morning, followed by an afternoon workout for the replacement team.

After working with his players for the first

time Thursday evening Ditka said, "They've come back with an excellent attitude from what I can see. The practice was exceptionally good. Everybody worked, everybody knew what they were doing. Everybody executed outstandingly."

On Thursday and Friday the real Bears practiced with helmets, shoulder pads and sweats. Ditka said the players didn't need to get used to contact again.

"I don't think they need that much," he said. "I'm amazed and pleased because I just didn't feel with the three week layoff that they could pick it up as fast as they did."

Ditka also had some good news about the progress of quarterback Jim McMahon. McMahon was eligible to come off the injured reserve list on Monday. "McMahon looked awfully well throwing the football," Ditka said. "He's looked as good as I've ever seen him look. I don't know if he could throw it every day like that. It was maybe 200 percent better than the best he ever threw this whole year."

Ditka said "it's very possible" McMahon could start Sunday against Tampa Bay.

As for William Perry's weight, Ditka said he doesn't expect Perry to be under 315. Earlier during the strike Ditka said if Perry didn't show up after the strike under 315 he wouldn't play. But he backed off that state-

ment last week.

"He's not gonna be 315. We want to get him back on the schedule he was on where he can move at his best," Ditka said. "I'd imagine if he's over that now we have to give him a little time to get back down."

The position that concerns Ditka the most right now is the center for kicking snaps. "I know one thing that's evident. We need someone who can snap the football, period," Ditka said. "We don't have anybody right now."

•THE BEARS TRADED quarterback Doug Flutie to the New England Patriots last week for the Bears' choice of either a 1988 or 1989 draft pick.

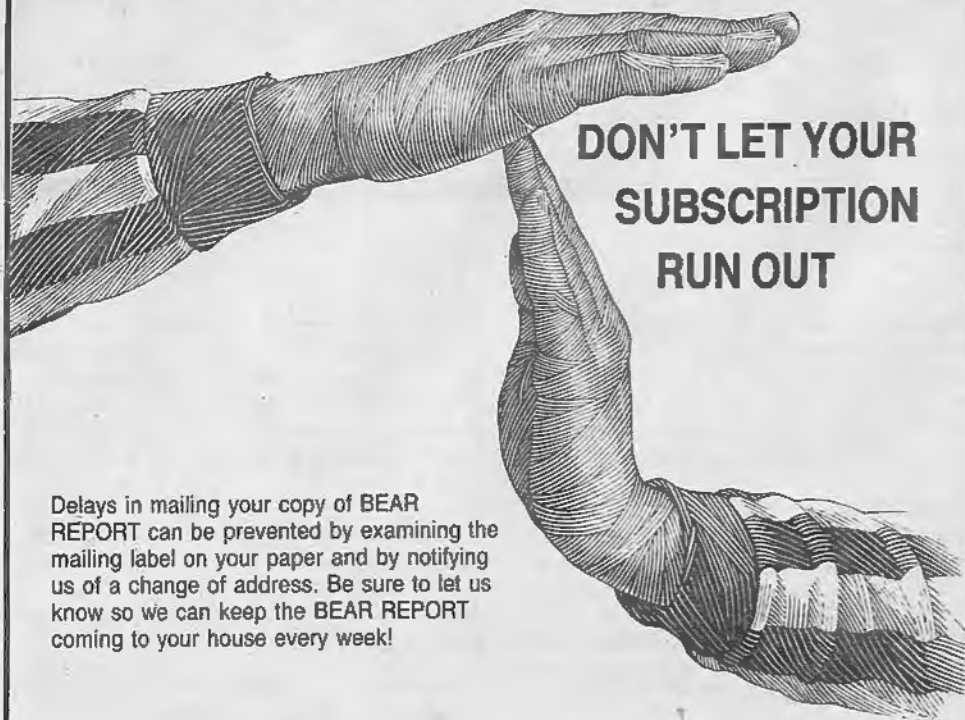
The trade came almost exactly a year to the day after Flutie joined the Bears. The trade was initiated by the Patriots, and Flutie pushed for the chance to start his NFL career over again in a place where he is more appreciated.

After the trade Ditka praised Flutie for his class and was glad things may start going Flutie's way in the NFL.

"Who says things didn't work out? It doesn't take a Phi Beta Kappa to understand that it was the best thing in the world for Doug," Ditka said.

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Highlights from meeting

The Bear Report obtained a copy of the letter given to Bears president Michael McCaskey by player representative Mike Singletary last Thursday when the players returned to work. The letter could be a basis for a lockout charge by the players because they were not allowed to play Sunday against New Orleans. Following is the text of that letter:

On behalf of the active and injured reserve members of the Chicago Bears who have been on strike since Sept. 22, 1987, I want to formally inform you that our strike is over and that as of this moment we are all unequivocally returning to work.

We respectfully request that you not discriminate against or disadvantage any of us in any way because we chose to engage in protected, concerted activity under the National Labor Relations Act. We ask that you accord us the full and complete rights of returning strikers under the law.

We are available to begin practice immediately, and to perform against the New Orleans Saints Sunday. In the past, we have had considerable success against the Saints and we believe we can continue that success. We are positive we can absorb and execute the same or a more complicated game plan between now and Sunday than any "replacements" could possibly absorb and execute, and we are confident our coaching staff will agree with that assessment.

The returning strikers, the real Chicago Bears, are undefeated this year. Our future depends in part upon success this Sunday. On behalf of ourselves and the fans of Chicago who have been through and endured so much these past few weeks, we request the opportunity to maintain our perfect record by playing against the Saints. If there is work to be

performed on Sunday, let us perform it!

The Bear Report also has exclusively obtained a tape of comments made during a meeting between players and management Thursday afternoon. In that meeting, Singletary questioned whether there wasn't any possible way the Bears could return and play against the Saints.

"We want to play. Now we're back. We make our own decisions. This is the Bears, something to be proud of. The group that we have come back here saying we're ready to play. We can't set any type of precedents at all? We can't say anything at all? We can't do anything at all? We can start working tonight. We're willing to do that," Singletary said.

But McCaskey's hands were tied. As long as the management council said the regular players couldn't play Sunday, he had no power to allow the Bears to play.

Head coach Mike Ditka used the meeting to try to clear the air on any misunderstandings that may have come up during the strike. "If you don't think we're on your side, you're wrong," he said.

Ditka also elaborated on why the decision not to allow veterans to play Sunday was made. "It is the expert opinion of people who have been in the game of football a lot longer than you people or me, basically people like Don Shula, Tom Landry and Bill Walsh, that it's impossible to prepare to play a game. It's not fair to you people."

"My opinion right now is we couldn't have a very good plan. The Saints do more on offense than any team in the football league."

And so the regular Bears ended up preparing early for the Tampa Bay game this Sunday in Tampa.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Top players lost over \$40,000 a game

Five of the league's top 15 salaried players have crossed picket lines. They are: No. 2, San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana (\$1,000,000 base salary this year); No. 3, Raider quarterback Marc Wilson (\$1,000,000); No. 5, Giant linebacker Lawrence Taylor (\$900,000); No. 8, New England defensive back Raymond Clayborn (\$825,000) and No. 12, Seattle wide receiver Steve Largent (\$770,000).

The numbers come from the most recently-published NFLPA salary survey. Members of the top 15 who are still honoring the strike are:

- No. 1, Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly (\$1,100,000).
- No. 4, Denver quarterback John Elway (\$1,000,000).
- No. 6, Raider running back Marcus Allen (\$900,000).
- No. 7, St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax (\$875,000).
- No. 9, Jets defensive lineman Joe Klecko (\$812,000).
- No. 10, Cleveland quarterback Bernie Ko-

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sar (\$800,000).

No. 11, Raider cornerback Mike Haynes (\$775,000).

No. 13, San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts (\$750,000).

No. 14, Miami linebacker Hugh Green (\$750,000).

No. 15, San Diego tight end Kellen Winslow (\$745,000).

These figures do not include recently renegotiated or new contracts. The following is a game-by-game breakdown of how much money each of those 12 striking members of the top 15 are losing each week:

Kelly — \$68,750. Elway — \$62,500. Allen — \$56,250. Lomax — \$54,687.50. Klecko — \$50,750. Kosar — \$50,000. Haynes — \$48,437.50. Fouts — \$46,875. Green — \$46,875. Winslow — \$46,562.50

LISTEN UP:

Colt wide receiver Walter Murray crossed the picket lines before the first non-union game. Then he rejoined his striking teammates. Then he crossed the lines again. All in the span of five days.

Bits and pieces of why his behavior was so erratic have filtered out of Indianapolis. Apparently on Wednesday of that week five or six striking Colts visited Murray at his apartment to discuss his stance on the strike. One of the teammates reportedly pinned Murray to the floor, spread his legs like a wishbone and threatened to "break his — ing legs" if he played in the game.

The next morning Murray informed management of his problem. Management told him not to practice with the replacement players that day. Then management set up a 24-hour guard for Murray and he reported back to the non-union practice Friday. He caught seven passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns (playing just the first half) in the Colts' 47-6 rout of Buffalo.

Team insiders say Murray didn't name the threatening players to management. Strik-



Giants' linebacker Lawrence Taylor crossed the picket line last Wednesday after losing \$56,250 a game.

ing Colt quarterback Jack Trudeau denies the incident ever took place. "He (Murray) is a damn liar, a lying piece of —," Trudeau said.

MARK MY WORDS:

Three Jets — tight end Rocky Klier, and quarterbacks Ken O'Brien and Pat Ryan, went to a local bar Oct. 4 to watch the replacement Jets lose to Dallas. Their focal point: strike-breaking Jet defensive end Mark Gastineau.

Said Klier: "We were going to chug a beer every time Mark got a sack. But after the first quarter we were kind of thirsty. So then we said we'd chug a beer every time he got a tackle. But by halftime we were really thirsty. So then we said we'd chug a beer every time he lined up."

Gastineau finished with three tackles, no assists and no sacks.

GM NG:

Viking general manager Mike Lynn took the blame recently when his hastily-assembled replacement team lost to the Packer replacement team. "I take full responsibility," he said. "I misjudged the fact that there would be a strike and thought that if there was a strike, it would be of short duration — like one or two days. But most importantly, I misjudged our own players. Coming off our win over Los Angeles (Rams) we were 2-0 and knowing the team attitude about the '87 season it made me believe that if there was a strike, they either wouldn't strike or they'd come back en masse."

Striking Viking running back Darrin Nelson didn't like the last part of Lynn's statement, particularly the implication that he and

his veteran teammates were really to blame.

Meanwhile the New York media is ripping Giant GM George Young for not taking replacement signings seriously. "My fault," Young said bitterly. "Just write it. Last year I was smarter. This year I'm dumber."

LOST WEEKENDS:

Young's Giants are "teetering on the brink of a lost season," according to coach Bill Parcells. No defending Super Bowl champion has ever started 0-3 the following season. "There's going to be a point in time if this continues, and we don't win any games, that

you have no chance," Parcells added. "That time looks like it's getting closer."

During the Giants' 41-21 Monday night loss Oct. 5 to the 49ers, ABC-TV cameras caught defensive end Reggie "Cadillac" Carr apparently dozing on the sidelines during the fourth quarter. When Carr returned to the game, announcer Al Michaels said he was "well-rested."

After the game Carr vehemently denied he was sleeping. "I was tired," he said. "But I was mostly tired of losing."

Another replacement Giant, linebacker Chris Jones, alienated the striking Giants after the 49ers' game when he said: "Hey, we're not 0-3. We're only 0-1. Those other guys have the other two losses." Jones has been assigned striking Giant Lawrence Taylor's locker.

AFTERSHOCK:

The non-union Kansas City Chiefs didn't know what to make of the tremors that woke them up in Week Three before they played the Raiders in Los Angeles. Head coach Frank Gansz was on the 12th floor of the team hotel when the rumblings began.

"I thought it might be curtains," Gansz said. "I like to think I'm fairly tough, but I was shook. I thought the building might come tumbling down."

Later on Gansz, a former U.S. Air Force jet fighter pilot, made it to the ground floor. "I was standing in the lobby in my pajamas trying to look inconspicuous," he said.

SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL:

It's hard to feel sorry for players who have used contractual and family obligations as reasons why they have crossed picket lines when you consider the case of backup Giant quarterback Jeff Hostetler.

Hostetler has a three-year-old son named Jason who has been in and out of hospitals for more than two years with problems stemming from open-heart surgery. Jason's father has remained on strike with his teammates despite the fact that his striking status makes him ineligible for benefits that would otherwise pay his son's hospital bills.

NOTES AND QUOTES:

•The Raider crowd of 10,708 in the Coliseum Oct. 4 was the smallest to see a Raider game since 1962. Said replacement Raider Eddie Anderson of Fort Valley (Ga.) State: "I'm not used to playing in front of large crowds."

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BEARS SEASON STATISTICS

WON 4, LOST 0

Sept 14	W 34-19	Giants	65,704
Sept 20	W 20-3	Tampa Bay	63,551
Oct 4	W 35-3	at Philadelphia	4,074
Oct 11	W 27-7	Minnesota	32,113
Oct 18		New Orleans	
Oct 25		at Tampa Bay	
Nov 1		Kansas City	
Nov 8		at Green Bay	
Nov 16		at Denver	
Nov 22		Detroit	
Nov 29		Green Bay	
Dec 6		at Minnesota	
Dec 14		at San Francisco	
Dec 20		Seattle	
Dec 27		at Raiders	

		Bears Opponents	
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		83	61
Rushing		34	17
Passing		37	37
Penalty		12	7
3rd Down: Made/Att	23/ 63	19/ 65	
4th Down: Made/Att	4/ 8	2/ 6	
TOTAL NET YARDS		1379	786
Avg. Per Game		344.8	196.5
Total Plays		285	267
Avg. Per Play		4.8	2.9
NET YARDS RUSHING		611	318
Avg. Per Game		152.8	79.5
Total Rushes		151	96
NET YARDS PASSING		768	468
Avg. Per Game		192.0	117.0
Tackled/Yards Lost	9/ 68	33/235	
Gross Yards		836	703
Att./Completions	125/ 68	138/ 63	
Completion Pct.		54.4	45.7
Had Intercepted		5	3
PUNTS/AVERAGE		20/ 39.8	29/ 39.8
NET PUNTING AVG.		29.7	28.7
PENALTIES/YARDS		28/ 228	32/ 264
FUMBLES/BALL LOST		8/ 4	12/ 6
TOUCHDOWNS		15	4
Rushing		5	0
Passing		7	2
Returns		3	2
SCORE BY PERIODS		1 2 3 4 OT Total	
BEARS		17 49 24 26 0	116
OPPONENTS		7 6 6 13 0	32
SCORING		ID-Ru-Pa-Rt PAT FG S TP	
Lashar		0 0 0 8/ 8 2/ 3 0 14	
Brewer		2 0 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 12	
Butler		0 0 0 6/ 6 2/ 4 0 12	
Kozlowski		0 2 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 12	
W.Payton		1 1 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 12	
Anderson		1 0 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
Gault		0 1 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
Heimuli		0 1 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
Kindt		0 1 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
McCray		0 0 1 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
McKinnon		0 0 1 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
Mosley		0 0 1 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
Ro.Morris		0 1 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
Tomczak		1 0 0 0/ 0 0/ 0 0 6	
BEARS		5 7 3 14/15 4/ 7 0 116	
OPPONENTS		0 2 2 2/ 4 2/ 5 0 32	

SACKS: McInerney 5.5, Norvell 4.0, Althoff 3.5, Marshall 3.0, Wilson 3.0, B.Bell 2.5, Dent 2.0, Singletary 2.0, Teafatiller 1.5, T.Bell 1.0, Hampton 1.0, January 1.0, Ra.Morris 1.0, Norris 1.0, Perry 1.0, BEARS 33.0, OPPONENTS 9.0

RUSHING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Anderson		29	179	6.2	35	1
Heimuli		19	91	4.8	12	0
Mosley		18	80	4.4	16	0
W.Payton		33	66	2.0	19	1
Hohensee		9	56	6.2	26	0
S.Payton		1	28	28.0	28	0
F.Harris		6	23	3.8	18	0
Brewer		16	21	1.3	12	2
Thomas		6	16	2.7	5	0
Tomczak		4	15	3.8	10	1
Clark		4	12	3.0	5	0
Sanders		2	11	5.5	6	0
Wolden		2	8	4.0	7	0
Gentry		1	5	5.0	5	0
Brown		1	0	0.0	0	0
BEARS		151	611	4.0	35	3
OPPONENTS		96	318	3.3	20	0
RECEIVING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Kozlowski		12	152	12.7	28	2
Anderson		10	109	10.9	47	0
Moorehead		9	96	10.7	27	0
Kindt		5	34	6.8	11	1
W.Payton		5	14	2.8	16	1
Gault		4	121	30.3	156	1
Heimuli		4	48	12.0	17	1
Ro.Morris		3	76	25.3	142	1
Knapczyk		3	53	17.7	22	0
Brewer		2	23	11.5	14	0
Glasgow		2	16	8.0	11	0
Mosley		2	16	8.0	16	0
McKinnon		2	15	7.5	9	0
Suhey		2	11	5.5	7	0

PASSING		Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Last	Rating
Tomczak		61	35	442	57.4	7.25	3	4.9	4	6.6	156	1/ 17 69.2
Hohensee		52	28	343	53.8	6.60	4	7.7	1	1.9	28	3/ 19 92.1
S.Payton		12	5	51	41.7	4.25	0	0.0	0	0.0	20	5/ 32 54.5
BEARS		125	68	836	54.4	6.69	7	5.6	5	4.0	156	9/ 68 77.3
OPPONENTS		138	63	703	45.7	5.09	2	1.4	3	2.2	27	33/ 235 57.1

Wolden	1	26	26.0	20	0		
Mullen	1	20	20.0	20	0		
Bowers	1	6	6.0	6	0		
BEARS	68	836	12.3	156	7		
OPPONENTS	63	703	11.2	27	2		
INTERCEPTIONS							
	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
McCray	1	23	23.0	123	1		
Phillips	1	1	1.0	1	0		
Jackson	1	0	0.0	0	0		
BEARS	3	24	8.0	123	1		
OPPONENTS	5	101	20.2	170	1		
PUNTING							
	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	IR20	Lg	BR
Wagner	9	384	42.7	2	2	60	1
Brown	10	412	41.2	3	3	58	0
BEARS	20	796	39.8	5	5	60	1
OPPONENTS	29	1153	39.8	3	3	58	1
PUNT RETURNS							
	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
McKinnon	10	1	215	21.5	194	1	
Duarte	4	1	41	10.3	16	0	
Jeffries	1	0	5	5.0	5	0	
BEARS	15	2	261	17.4	194	1	
OPPONENTS	7	1	102	14.6	37	0	
KICKOFF RETURNS							
	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
Gentry	5	122	24.4	34	0		
Lynch	3	66	22.0	37	0		
Knapczyk	1	14	14.0	14	0		
Mosley	1	17	17.0	17	0		
Sanders	1	42	42.0	42	0		
BEARS	11	261	23.7	42	0		
OPPONENTS	18	326	18.1	33	0		
FIELD GOALS							
	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+		
Butler	0/0	2/2	0/0	0/0	0/2		
Lashar	0/0	2/2	0/0	0/1	0/0		
BEARS	0/0	4/4	0/0	0/1	0/2		
OPPONENTS	0/0	1/1	0/1	1/3	0/0		
Butler: (24G, 25G) (50N, 55N)							
Lashar: () () (42N, 26G, 27G)							
BEARS: (24G, 25G) (50N, 55N) () (42N, 26G, 27G)							
OPPONENTS: () (43G, 46N) (42N, 27G) (31N)							

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Replacement games exciting

Dear Doug,

The first NFL games with replacement personnel (scab is a ridiculous label) are over. Fellow fans with whom I have talked and myself agree that we found them to be exciting, more so than most with the regulars playing. Gene Upshaw says the union won. Why? Small attendance, inferior performance, etc. I wonder how many union workers in other trades and their families who normally attend, didn't? I wonder how many other people were leery of egg and rock throwing violence should they attempt to park a car and walk through a picket line? How many NFL regular players who had walked through their own teams' picket lines to practice contributed to this inferior performance?

A comparison of weak union areas in the country with strong ones gives a clue —

30,000 here, 4,000 there. TV ratings were better than expected and I predict they will get better each week. Fans want to watch their teams regardless of who plays. Keep whistling in the dark, Upshaw.

I'm a little confused. I am a fan. I applauded the Bear-Eagle game. Jack Kent Cooke, possibly prejudiced but I believe sincere, said he had never seen a more exciting game in RFK Stadium.

I have read no sports column nor heard one sportscaster that graded any of these efforts as anything but bad. Upon what are they basing this judgment? Technique? Execution? How about enthusiasm as expressed by both players and fans? How about a grade here? These guys came to play. They were excited by the chance.

We fans realize that the players are the game. Or is it the owners? Maybe the writers and telecasters? Fans? You're kidding. We

are force fed whatever the owners, players, and media cook up.

Thanks, owners, for Sunday's games, if not for the ticket prices. The usual meal consists of traffic and parking problems, high ticket and concession prices, and a usually dull defensive battle.

Me? I watch the ball. From center to quarterback to running back, or quarterback to receiver. I'm an average fan. I yawn while John Madden frantically uses his Xs and Os to tell me why the play worked or didn't.

I have a suggestion or two. You union players better get back on the job while you still have a union and a job. The owners may still increase pension benefits, especially I

hope to Red Grange and friends who are responsible for your high salaries and without whom you might be making \$25,000 a year. But count your blessings, shut up, and go to work.

To the fans, organize! Three years from now, when this is bound to re-occur, we might bring the owners and players together much sooner to face, in harmony, a mutual problem - how to please us. Maybe ticket prices, salaries, and net profits could all go down by mutual agreement.

Well, I can dream, can't I?

Tom Sanders
Dallas, TX

Record

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previous week against Minnesota.

But it was a bittersweet game for Kozlowski, who caught three passes for 47 yards. Later in the game Kozlowski broke his ankle returning a kickoff. He had hopes of possibly catching on with the regular Bears after the strike, but that won't be possible in the near future.

"I'm down again but I'll be back," said Kozlowski, who spent last year with the Bears on injured reserve while recovering from knee surgery the previous January. "It's happened throughout my life and it's just one more step back. You have to step back sometimes to go forward."

Saints score again

The Saints made one more march down the field before the end of the half to score on a 14-yard pass from Fourcade to Eric Martin with 42 seconds left, cutting the Bears' lead to 17-10.

In the third quarter there was yet another blocked punt, this time the Saints blocking a punt by Brown and getting the ball at

Chicago's 22-yard line.

From there, the Saints had to settle for a field goal after Garland Jean Batiste dropped a pass in the end zone on third down. The 31-yard field goal by Kempf cut the Bears' lead to 17-13.

New Orleans added another field goal at the start of the fourth quarter on a 16-yard drive that started at the Bear 41 after a punt. After moving to the 25, Kempf hit a 42-yard field goal against the wind to cut Chicago's lead to one point.

Finally, the Saints inched their way on top with 4:30 left in the game on a 21-yard field goal by Kempf. New Orleans moved the ball 77 yards on 12 plays on the drive. That marked the first time ever the Bear replacement team had trailed in a game.

"They just had better people than we did," Ditka said. "We were just limited with what we could do. We tried to get the ball to Kozlowski a few times and we just weren't capable of getting it to him. In all honesty we didn't deserve to win the game. We really didn't do anything."

So now Ditka hopes his regular Bears can move the team ahead. "They're still in good shape. If we want to come back and pick up the pieces, we can," he said.

Bears will have taxi squad

Ditka said the Bears would keep some members of the replacement team on a taxi squad, but not that many. "There's some kids we'd like to develop," he said. "And we'll find out how they mix in. If they don't mix in, we'll make a decision on that, too."

Ditka is mainly looking for help at center for long snaps. "We don't have anybody to snap the football on the regular team," he said. "And Mark Rodenhauser (of the replacement team) can snap the football very well."

Pierson

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either 1988 (probably a fifth) or 1989 (when it would escalate a notch to a fourth).

But whether the deal is best for the Bears remains to be seen. Ironically, Flutie's exit may stir more emotions among his teammates than his entrance, even though he was the team's most expendable player.

If the Bears keep Hohensee on their roster when the strike ends, the cold shoulder Flutie received last year could look like a warm handshake.

Similar sentiments were expressed last season when Ditka chose Flutie to succeed McMahon and bypassed Fuller and Tomczak.

McMahon is now eligible to come off injured reserve. Assuming the roster size expands, Ditka could keep four quarterbacks in deference to McMahon's health and avoid a difficult decision.

Hewitt

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•Kansas City coach Frank Gansz apologized to his striking team for his non-union team's first loss. "I feel like I'm letting them down," he said. "With the difficulty of our schedule we can't keep going in the hole with guys who are replacements."

•Both Viking players who recently crossed picket lines — tight end Mike Mullarkey and defensive end Mark Mullaney — have received full endorsement from their striking teammates. Both are on injured reserve and need treatment for their injuries.

•At last count there were 37 Arena Football players toiling for replacement NFL teams.

•Former Giant cornerback Elvis "Toast" Patterson, now a non-union Charger, got

beat long by Bengal backup Ken Brown. But the ball was underthrown.

•Right after 12 49ers crossed picket lines Oct. 7, team officials held what Bengal coach Sam Wyche called a "fire sale" for the players bumped off the non-union roster by the returnees.

•Non-union Colt outside linebacker Will Benjamin is a 29-year-old Indianapolis cop who never played in a pro game before the strike. Now he has a work shift problem. He gets up at 4 a.m., works 5-8 for the police, practices with the Colts from 8:30-4 p.m., then works in the evenings from 5-10 p.m.

•This will probably be veteran Pittsburgh center Mike Webster's last year. Webster has crossed picket lines.

•There is talk around the league that O.J. Simpson might be involved in a bid for an expansion franchise that would play its games in Phoenix.

Notebook

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About all the things said of Flutie during his stay in Chicago Ditka said, "If the people who said them had half as much of class as Doug Flutie, they never would have said them. He's a very classy young man. And Doug Flutie will do fine in life. I have great respect for him as a person. And that's much more important than anything he'll ever do on the football field."

The open spot on the roster could be filled by McMahon if he comes off the injured reserve list this week. The Bears may also want to try to keep quarterback Mike Hohensee from the replacement team. But Ditka seemed fearful of putting another quarterback in a bad position coming in to the Bears.

Having played on the replacement team, Hohensee might face some resentment from the regular Bears. "I don't know that I'd be willing to put Mike through the problems that might occur," Ditka said. "I think that Mike is an excellent young man. But I'm not gonna put him out as a sacrificial lamb for anybody."

Hohensee, on the other hand, said he'd be willing to take any chance necessary to play with the real Bears. "I'm willing to go through it. I can handle that situation," Hohensee said. "If they want to make my life miserable they're wasting their time because they're not gonna do it."

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Week 1

Sunday, Sept. 13

L.A. Raiders 20, Green Bay 0
Minnesota 34, Detroit 19
Kansas City 20, San Diego 13
New Orleans 28, Cleveland 21
N.Y. Jets 31, Buffalo 28
Houston 20, L.A. Rams 16
New England 28, Miami 21
Pittsburgh 30, San Francisco 17
Cincinnati 23, Indianapolis 21
St. Louis 24, Dallas 13
Tampa Bay 48, Atlanta 10
Washington 34, Philadelphia 24
Denver 40, Seattle 17

Monday, Sept. 14

Chicago 34, Giants 19

Week 2

Sunday, Sept. 20

Denver 17, Green Bay 17
Chicago 20, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 21, L.A. Rams 16
L.A. Raiders 27, Detroit 7
Philadelphia 27, New Orleans 17
Atlanta 21, Washington 20
Dallas 16, N.Y. Giants 14
Buffalo 34, Houston 30
Miami 23, Indianapolis 10
Cleveland 34, Pittsburgh 10
Seattle 43, Kansas City 14
San Francisco 27, Cincinnati 26
San Diego 28, St. Louis 24

Monday, Sept. 21

N.Y. Jets 44, New England 24

Week 3

Sunday, Sept. 27

Atlanta at New Orleans, noon
Buffalo at Dallas, noon
N.Y. Giants at Miami, noon
Indianapolis at St. Louis, noon
New England at Washington, noon
Minnesota at Kansas City, noon
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, noon
Chicago at Detroit, noon
L.A. Raiders at Houston, noon
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Cincinnati at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 28
Denver at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Week 4

Sunday, Oct. 4

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 16
Pittsburgh 28, Atlanta 12
San Diego 10, Cincinnati 9
Cleveland 20, New England 10
Indianapolis 47, Buffalo 6
Tampa Bay 31, Detroit 27
Chicago 35, Philadelphia 3
Washington 28, St. Louis 21
New Orleans 37, L.A. Rams 10
Houston 40, Denver 10
L.A. Raiders 35, Kansas City 17
Dallas 38, N.Y. Jets 24
Seattle 24, Miami 20

Monday, Oct. 5

San Francisco 41, N.Y. Giants 21

Week 5

Sunday, Oct. 11

Detroit 19, Green Bay 16 (OT)
St. Louis 24, New Orleans 19
Dallas 41, Philadelphia 22
Chicago 27, Minnesota 7
San Diego 17, Tampa Bay 13
New England 14, Buffalo 7
Houston 15, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 6, New York Jets 0
Miami 42, Kansas City 0
Washington 38, N.Y. Giants 12
Cincinnati 17, Seattle 10
San Francisco 25, Atlanta 17
L.A. Rams 31, Pittsburgh 21

Monday, Oct. 12

Denver 30, L.A. Raiders 14

Week 6

Sunday, Oct. 18

Pittsburgh 21, Indianapolis 7
Seattle 37, Detroit 14
New York Jets 37, Miami 31 (OT)
New England 21, Houston 7
Cleveland 34, Cincinnati 0
Green Bay 16, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
New Orleans 19, Chicago 17
Tampa Bay 20, Minnesota 10
Atlanta 24, Los Angeles Rams 20
Buffalo 6, New York Giants 3 (OT)
San Diego 23, Los Angeles Raiders 17
Denver 26, Kansas City 17
San Francisco 34, St. Louis 28

Monday, Oct. 19

Washington at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Week 7

Sunday, Oct. 25

Atlanta at Houston, noon
Buffalo at Miami, noon
Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
Dallas at Philadelphia, noon
Denver at Minnesota, noon
Green Bay at Detroit, noon
New England at Indianapolis, noon
N.Y. Jets at Washington, noon
San Francisco at New Orleans, noon
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 3 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26

L.A. Rams at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

Week 8

Sunday, Nov. 1

Houston at Cincinnati, noon
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, noon
Kansas City at Chicago, noon
L.A. Raiders at New England, noon
New Orleans at Atlanta, noon
Philadelphia at St. Louis, noon
Pittsburgh at Miami, noon
Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay, at Milw., noon
Washington at Buffalo, noon
Cleveland at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Denver, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 3 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2

N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Week 9

Sunday, Nov. 8

Atlanta at Cleveland, noon
Chicago at Green Bay, noon
Dallas at Detroit, noon
Denver at Buffalo, noon
L.A. Raiders at Minnesota, noon
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, noon
San Diego at Indianapolis, noon
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, noon
Washington at Philadelphia, noon
Houston at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 3 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 9

Seattle at N.Y. Jets, 8 p.m.

Week 10

Sunday, Nov. 15

Buffalo at Cleveland, noon
Dallas at New England, noon
Detroit at Washington, noon
Houston at Pittsburgh, noon
L.A. Rams at St. Louis, noon
Indianapolis at Miami, noon
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, noon
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, noon
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Seattle, 3 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
L.A. Raiders at San Diego, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 16

Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.

Week 11

Sunday, Nov. 22

Atlanta at Minnesota, noon
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, noon
Cleveland at Houston, noon
Detroit at Chicago, noon
Green Bay at Kansas City, noon
Indianapolis at New England, noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon
St. Louis at Philadelphia, noon
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, noon
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 23

L.A. Rams at Washington, 8 p.m.

Week 12

Thursday, Nov. 26

Kansas City at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon
Green Bay at Chicago, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Miami at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Pittsburgh, noon
Philadelphia at New England, noon
St. Louis at Atlanta, noon
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 3 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Cleveland at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 30

L.A. Raiders at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Week 13

Sunday, Dec. 6

Atlanta at Dallas, noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon
Kansas City at Cincinnati, noon
L.A. Rams at Detroit, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, noon
San Diego at Houston, noon
San Francisco at Green Bay, noon
Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon
Washington at St. Louis, noon
Buffalo at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

Week 14

Sunday, Dec. 13

Buffalo at Indianapolis, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Dallas at Washington, noon
Houston at New Orleans, noon
Miami at Philadelphia, noon
Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milw., noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
L.A. Raiders at Kansas City, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Rams, 3 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 14

Chicago at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Week 15

Saturday, Dec. 19

Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20

Minnesota at Detroit, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Cincinnati, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, noon
Pittsburgh at Houston, noon
San Francisco at Atlanta, noon
Seattle at Chicago, noon
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21

Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.

Week 16

Saturday, Dec. 26

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon
Cincinnati at Houston, noon
Detroit at Atlanta, noon
Green Bay at New Orleans, noon
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, noon
St. Louis at Dallas, noon
Seattle at Kansas City, noon
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon
San Diego at Denver, 3 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Raiders, 3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28

New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

NFL Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	133	51
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	115	84
Green Bay	2	2	1	.500	72	82
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	88	105
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	86	145

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	108	84
Washington	3	1	0	.750	120	78
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	121	122
Philadelphia	1	4	0	.200	86	143
N.Y. Giants	0	5	0	.000	69	135

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Francisco	4	1	0	.800	144	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	120	99
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	84	141
L.A. Rams	1	4	0	.200	93	123

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	3	2	0	.600	97	98
New York Jets	3	2	0	.600	135	127
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	81	125
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	91	73
Miami	2	3	0	.400	137	99

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	119	63
Houston	3	2	0	.600	112	91
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	110	101
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	75	102

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	91	83
Denver	3	1	1	.700	123	105
L.A. Raiders	3	2	0	.600	113	77
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	131	105
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	68	159